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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Subject: Midday Meeting of PSB, October 23, 1952.

Present: David K. E. Bruce
Walter B. Smith
Alan G. Kirk

Action was taken as follows on the items indicated:

1. Procedure for NSC 10/5 Matters

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The original memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, as revised under date of October 21, 1952, was approved for final submission to the Board at its next midday meeting, Thursday, October 30. The subject as described in this draft will be modified by General Smith. It was agreed that this procedure should be taken in hand at an early date. The title to be given this subordinate group (i.e. Board, Commission, Committee, Group, Panel) was discussed briefly and it was agreed that the word "Board" should not be used as tending to be confused with the PSB itself. Nomenclature to be employed will be decided upon by General Smith.

2. Psychological Impact of U.S. Foreign Economic Policies and Programs on Western Europe

It was decided to reverse the decision taken on October 7 that the scope of this study be widened to include all of Western Europe.

It was felt essential that since this paper would be at the disposal of the incoming Administration, it would be best to confine the study to one specific area on which adequate data and information now exist. The Department of State has informally indicated its complete agreement with this idea and concurs that the work should be done here in Washington. Admiral Kirk raised the name of [redacted] to serve as a special consultant to the staff of PSB to work up this report. Subject to such check as may be necessary, there was no dissent on employing [redacted].

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3. New Planning Procedure

Admiral Kirk explained the progress being made in developing a new Planning Procedure -- that a SOP, now under preparation, was being referred to the Departments and Agency concerned. The new procedure will, when finally developed, represent a considerable reduction in the amount of paper work necessary to produce a plan. It was also made clear that the new Planning Procedure would give rather general directives, embodying the task to be accomplished and the purpose thereof (without detailed instructions as to how the Department or Agency concerned would carry out the task).

4. Quarterly Report to NSC

Admiral Kirk reported that this report to NSC (to be made available to the new Administration in January 1953) would be ready for the Board's final approval at the full meeting of the Board Thursday, October 30, 1952.

It was decided to invite Mr. Charles A. Coolidge, alternate to Mr. William Foster, to the next Thursday midday meeting.

Alan G. Kirk,
Director.

cc: General Walter B. Smith

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